

The Plainfield Public Library is proud to announce the annual Short Story Contest for Grades 4-6

2022 Rules and Guidelines

These are the rules you must follow:

- 1. The writing contest is open to anyone in 4th, 5th or 6th grade and begins on December 20, 2021.
- 2. Story is to be 500-650 words long and be text only.
- 3. Include a title, as well as your name, grade, the school you attend and your parents' phone number and email address.
- 4. Submissions must be a word document (Word or Google Doc). No PDFs please.
- Email your entry using a non-school e-mail address to jnelson@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org by 11:59pm on February 7, 2022.
- 6. This is your story and it can be humor, mystery, fantasy, science fiction or anything you want, but it MUST BE YOUR OWN CREATION.
- 7. Be sure to proofread your work and check for correct spelling and grammar.
- 8. Contact Ms Jodie in Youth Services with questions: jnelson@plainfieldpubliclibrary.org.

A first, second and third place winner will be chosen from three divisions: Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade and Sixth Grade. Winners will be chosen by author Jasmine Warga, 2022 Bluestem and Caudill nominee Other Words for Home. Stories will be judged on creativity and writing skill.

Winners will be announced at the *Virtual Short Story Contest Award Ceremony and Author Talk* on Saturday, March 19, 2021 at 10am. All writers will be sent an invite link in order to attend. Each winning writer will be invited to a virtual meet and greet with Jasmine Warga to take place immediately following the meet and greet. Winning stories will be printed in the *Plainfield Public Library Short Story Journal for Grades 4-6*.